

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development

Community Connect Awards – American Samoa

2007 Grant Awards:

AMERICAN SAMOA

American Samoa Telecommunications Authority IXC Division

Ofu Village, American Samoa Grant Amount: \$820,343

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County: n/a

The Initiative will deploy broadband to the community and to the sole critical facility in the community, The Department of Health Ofu Dispensary. The broadband to the Health facility will enable the medical staff to communicate with the Department's Tutuila main office for training and administrative work. The Department of Health also plans to develop a video teleconferencing facility at the Ofu Dispensary for diagnostic, as well as out-patient follow-up. Access to VTC and computer facilities at the proposed community center will also allow for distance learning and training for the Ofu Dispensary medical staff.